# State of Arizona
# **Department of Homeland Security**

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## **FFY 2008 Interoperable Emergency Communications Grant Program (IECGP)**

On June 20, 2008, the United States Department of Homeland Security announced the availability of the **FFY 2008 Interoperable Emergency Communications Grant Program (IECGP).** The IECGP provides $48,575,000 ($797,224 for Arizona) to improve local, Tribal, regional, statewide, and national interoperable emergency communications, including communications in collective response to natural disasters, acts of terrorism, and other man-made disasters. The funding will enable States, Territories, local units of government, and Tribal communities to implement their Statewide Communication Interoperability Plans (SCIP) and align to the National Emergency Communications Plan (NECP) to further enhance interoperability.

In FFY 2008, IECGP has two priority groups: 1) Leadership and Governance; 2) Common Planning and Operational Protocols, and Emergency Responder Skills and Capabilities.

The State Administrative Agency (SAA) is the only agency eligible to apply for FY 2008 IECGP. If you are interested in learning more about the grant program, please visit the AZDOHS website: http://azdohs.gov/GrantInfo.htm, to access the IECGP Guidance and Application Kit, as well as the IECGP's FAQ.

If you are interested in applying for the IECGP, the IECGP Workbook and IECGP Bi-annual Strategy Implementation Report (BSIR) Project Summary must be completed. For your convenience the IECGP workbook instructions, IECGP Workbook and the IECGP BSIR Project Summary, have been posted on our website as well. Workbooks should be sent to Huma Haroon at shharoon@azdohs.gov by **July 11, 2008 no later than 5:00 p.m.** If you have any further questions or concerns please feel free to contact Huma Haroon (602) 542-7012 or Lisa Hansen at (602) 542-7014.